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Application Serial No. 09/978,187	)	Confirmation No: 4242
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For: <b>SECRETED AND</b>	)	<b>Customer No. 35489</b>
<b>TRANSMEMBRANE</b>	)	
<b>POLYPEPTIDES AND NUCLEIC</b>	)	
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

**MAIL STOP AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 21193-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on June 29, 2004, in connection with the above-identified patent application (Paper No./Mail Date 20040623), please enter the following amendments, and consider the following arguments. This response is timely filed requesting a Petition for Extension of Time for three months with necessary fees.

Under 37 C.F.R. §1.131, the present Amendment and Response is further accompanied by the submission of a Declaration that will be signed by all the inventors of the present application. The consideration of which is respectfully requested. Submitted herein is the unexecuted Declaration. Applicants are in a process of obtaining the inventors' signatures. The Declaration signed by all the inventors will be submitted to the PTO shortly. In addition, enclosed herewith is an Amendment under 37 C.F.R. §1.48(b) to correct the inventorship in the present application, the consideration of which is respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** begins on page 11 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 15 of this paper.

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